

Sen. Dodd Calls Ghana A Communist Satellite

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Sen. Thomas J. Dodd (D-Conn.) said yesterday that all evidence indicates that Ghana under President Kwame Nkrumah "has become the first Soviet satellite in Africa."

"It is the focal point for the subversion of Africa, just as Cuba is the focal point for the subversion of the Americas," Dodd declared.

His comments were printed as part of a 165-page document released by the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee dealing with the policies of Ghana, known as Gold Coast before its independence from Britain in 1957.

The State Department quickly issued a statement in defense of Ghana, apparently fearing that some Ghanaians, not familiar with the various branches of the U. S. Government, would take the Dodd report as an expression of U. S. Government policy.

"In our judgment," the State Department said, "information available does not support the suggestion that Ghana has become a Soviet satellite. In international affairs, the government of Ghana follows a policy which it describes as one of positive neutralism and in furtherance of this policy has established relations with both Western and East-bloc countries. Ghana has not aligned itself with either grouping."

The State Department said U. S. aid to Ghana, most of which is in the form of loans to help build the Volta River dam and an aluminum smelter, is "tangible demonstration of our friendship for the Ghanaian people."

The Ghana embassy in Washington called Dodd's charge "baseless and a travesty of the truth."

The subcommittee's hearings actually were held Dec. 3 of last year in New York City.

but the full transcript and Dodd's accompanying statement were not made public until yesterday.

Dodd said Nkrumah has consistently followed the Communist line, yet his country continues to benefit from generous U. S. aid, including \$133 million last year for the huge Volta River project.

"It is important," Dodd declared, "that (the United States) learn how to distinguish between such crypto-Communist movements and genuine nationalist or reform movements."

"If we cannot learn how to make this distinction, the blunder that lost Cuba to communism will be repeated in situation after situation."

"Like Castro's Cuba," the Connecticut Democrat said, Ghana "carries on a propaganda campaign that would tax the resources of a major country."

"It trains natives of other countries in the arts of infiltration, sabotage, terror and guerrilla warfare. It exports arms by clandestine means to the opposition * terrorist groups in other countries which it has fostered and today supports."

Dodd linked the assassination of President Sylvanus Olympio of neighboring Togo with Nkrumah agents.

The subcommittee document consisted largely of questioning of Kofi A. Busia, a Ghanaian exile and former political opponent of Nkrumah, and elaborate exhibits designed to support the testimony.

Busia, a sociologist now teaching in Mexico, noted that Nkrumah admittedly associated with Communists during his student days in the United States and Britain, and made an extended tour to Russia, Red China and other Communist countries in 1961.

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